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On the Microsoft settlement, I think you should seriously consider raising the penalty amount from \$1 billion to somewhere between \$5 to \$30 billion, and make them pay it in cash. Divide it up between the schools in the country, and everyone who has every bought a Microsoft product.

Lets think about this for a moment. It has already been determined that they are a monopoly, and used predatory practices to get that monopoly. What is that monopoly worth? Well, its at least worth about \$40 billion in cash, because that's about what they have in the bank. That doesn't even include the company's assets, and annual sales which are probably worth at least another \$20 billion per year. You are not penalizing a small company, but the largest in the world, the settlement should be the largest in the world, by the same factor.

Any company that can get away with the things Microsoft has got away with is deluding the government, and us public into thinking that they are going to change. I just paid \$450 for Microsoft Office, and the only thing that came in the box was a CD, and a 10 page brochure. Not even a book. I think I deserve to get a book or two for \$450. How am I suppose to learn the software I just spent 50% of the cost of my computer on? Do you know what kind of profit margin that is? I would venture to say at least 1000 percent. What other business can make that kind of profit, and still claim to have the consumers best interest at heart.

Think really hard, about this decision. Ask yourself what you want to pay for your next productivity suite? If this penalty isn't stiff, you can bet they won't hesitate to jack the prices and mafia type business practices in the future.

Stick it to them.

Thanks.

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